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For: Method and Apparatus for Compressing VLIW Instruction and Sharing Subinstructions Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231) <u>AMENDMENT</u>)
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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed November 18, 2002, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 16, the specification has been amended. A substitute page 16 is attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 7-12 are canceled. Amended claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 are rewritten below. A marked up version of the amended claims are attached as Appendix A showing additions and deletions.

1. (Amended) A method for sharing a subinstruction of a given instruction among functional processing units of a plurality of clusters on a processor having a very long instruction word architecture, the given instruction including a set of control bits and